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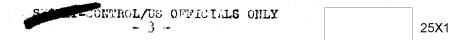
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- 4. During the period from 29 January to 5 February, Soviet warships
 engaged on moneuvers and
 target practice off Wissnower (sic) Gionen (Wissow Cliffs). Target
 practice was resumed by Soviet vessels
 during the period from 26 Hay to 4 June 1951. The vessels
 fired their AA guns including two 37 mm and two 20 mm guns and also
 laid smoke screens while two aircraft circled the area. (5)
- 5. Soviet vessels were observed in the 25X1 waters off Sassnitz on 20 April 1951. Two Volkspolizei boats put to sea at the same time; however, they did not join the group of Soviet warships in exercises. At nightfall on 22 April, six warships of the same type disappeared in a northeasterly direction. (6)
 - 6. Two Soviet submarines were observed by fishermen about 15 km NNE of Sassnitz on 4 April 1951. No details could be made out since they proceeded partially submerged. A small Soviet vessel with a crew of 11 was in the harbor on 12 May. The crew was working on the Soviet floating dock which is tied un about 500 meters east of the nole. On 13 May, two Soviet PT boats, were in harbor for a 25X few hours. They seemed to be new; their paint was fresh and their armament was covered with new tarpaulins. Three guns were seen on deck. They were believed to be either three light AA guns or two light machine guns and one AA gun. A torpedo tube was seen on each side of the low bridge. On top of the bridge was a mast, about 3 meters tall with a meter hemisquere, about 800 mm in dichesar fitted to the masthead. The crew seemed to consist of 8 officers and 11 men. At the same time, 11 officers were seen standing near the boats.
- 7. From 6 to 11 February 1951, the Volkspolizei boat Freundschaft was in harbor. She was manned by 3 officers and 12 men. Her shape was that of a PT boat, and she had three screws. On 20 april, a Volkspolizei boat with two 20 mm guns, one forward and one aft, and a crew of 12 put in. The boat left on the next day with one Tussian civilian and two Russian officers in uniforms aboard. Two other Volkspolizei boats of the same type put into harbor on 6 June. They had no distinguishing numbers or names. On 13 February 1951, Commissar Henning, (fnu) was chief of the harbor police which consisted of 4 officers and 40 men including the sea police unit and was subordinate to the criminal police and Soviet authorities. In May, the Volkspolizei harbor control was reinforced by sea police personnel. Harbor control is also exercised by the secret police.
- 8. On 10 May, the fourth mast of Radio Ruegen was completed near the transmitting station in Lohme. Nork on that transmitter and its interior was still under way. (7)
- 9. Beginning in early June 1951, mail from Sassnitz to Stralsund took two days while previously it took at most one day. It is beli ved that mail censorship was tightened.

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(1)	Comments. Fishermen from the go to Sassnitz because prices of fuel
(1.)	are low and catches are well paid for there. Host of the vessels are
	former KFK (Kriegsfischkutter) which were chartered for German
	Od wie o my one
	Fishermen stated they 25X
	were treated kindly in Sassnitz.

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(2) Mustard gas poisoning of fishermen on that fishing ground was a frequent occurrence. The gas probably comes from German bombs which were dumped into the waters east of Bornholm Island during the last months of the war. Leakages of the containers caused by corrosion set the poison free so that it acts on the fishermen when they haul in their nets. This area is designated contaminated in German motices to Mariners.

Similar information was received from shippards where work was curtailed by the shortage of material from the Lestern Zones.

- Vessels built in the Soviet Zone of Gormany and recently transferred from Koenigsberg included 9 seiner type fishing steamers sent to Vladivostok, 12 drifters sent to Eurmansk and 14 to the Black Sea.
- These are motor minesweepers of Soviet design. One flottila is stationed in Swinemuende, and Sassnitz serves as a base for target practice and other exercises. A number of these boats were also seen

(6) The CK-boats stationed in Swinemuende are former German motor mine-sweepers.

Radio Ruegen is the radio station for communication in the Baltic. It is known that an additional 5 kw short-wave transmitter is under construction there. This radio station works with the rain radio station in Koenigswusterhausen near Berlin.

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